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## TOP CORN, SOYBEAN AND WHEAT COUNTIES

Indiana's leading counties in the production of corn, soybeans and wheat during 2009 were White County for corn, Montgomery County for soybeans, and Posey County for winter wheat. White County produced a total of 27.1 million bushels of corn, making it the number one corn producing county. Benton took second place, followed by Jasper, Montgomery, and Clinton counties.

Montgomery County moved up to the number one slot for soybeans, by producing 6.2 million bushels during 2009. Knox and Randolph counties captured the second and third place spots, respectively. Allen placed in fourth position, followed by Grant.

Posey County retained the number one position in winter wheat production during 2009 with 2.4 million bushels. Gibson County remained in second place, while Allen County remained in third place. Knox County retained its fourth position, while Adams County moved up to fifth position.

The preceding information is part of the results of the County Agriculture and Production Survey which was conducted last fall after harvest. For further results from this survey, please visit our web site listed on the back of this publication.

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## LEADING INDIANA COUNTIES IN PRODUCTION OF CORN, SOYBEANS AND WHEAT

Rank	2009 Crop					
	Corn		Soybeans		Winter Wheat	
	County	Production	County	Production	County	Production
		<u>1,000 Bu</u>		<u>1,000 Bu</u>		<u>1,000 Bu</u>
1	White	27,060.0	Montgomery	6,241.8	Posey	2,383.3
2	Benton	24,810.0	Knox	5,952.8	Gibson	1,786.5
3	Jasper	22,750.0	Randolph	5,605.2	Allen	1,428.8
4	Montgomery	22,090.0	Allen	5,528.5	Knox	1,122.3
5	Clinton	21,130.0	Grant	5,326.3	Adams	973.7
6	Newton	20,900.0	Wells	5,304.4	Jay	903.6
7	Rush	20,180.0	Benton	5,289.3	Wells	887.9
8	Carroll	18,270.0	Rush	5,273.2	De Kalb	826.8
9	Knox	18,100.0	Shelby	5,251.5	Wabash	670.7
10	Boone	17,790.0	Boone	5,233.5	La Porte	661.7

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## HONEY

This data is the result of the Bee and Honey Survey which was conducted last December. Indiana honey production in 2009 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 288,000 pounds, down 39 percent from production in 2008. There were 9,000 colonies producing honey in 2009, up 29 percent from 2008. Prices for the 2009 crop averaged \$1.98 per pound, up 18 percent from the previous year. At the state level, prices reflect the portions of honey sold retail, coop and private.

Nationally, honey production in 2009 from producers with five or more colonies totaled 144 million pounds, down 12 percent from 2008. There were 2.46 million colonies producing honey in 2009, up 5 percent from 2008. Yield per colony averaged 58.5 pounds, down 16 percent from the 69.9 pounds in 2008. Colonies which produced honey

in more than one state were counted in each state where the honey was produced. Therefore, yields per colony may be understated, but total production would not be impacted. Colonies were not included if honey was not harvested. Producer honey stocks were 37.2 million pounds on December 15, 2009, down 27 percent from a year earlier. Stocks held by producers exclude stocks held under the commodity loan program. Honey prices in 2009 increased to a record high during 2009 to 144.5 cents, up 2 percent from 142.1 cents in 2008. U.S. and State level prices reflect the portions of honey sold through retail, cooperatives, and private channels. Prices for each color class are derived by weighting the quantities sold for each marketing channel. Prices for the 2008 crop reflect honey sold in 2008 and 2009. Some 2008 crop honey was sold in 2009, which caused some revisions to the 2008 crop prices.

### NUMBER OF BEE COLONIES, PRODUCTION, STOCKS, AND VALUE INDIANA, SELECTED STATES, AND U.S., 2009 <sup>1/</sup>

State	Number of Colonies	Yield per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 <sup>2/</sup>	Average Price per Pound <sup>3/</sup>	Value of Production
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>1,000 Pounds</u>		<u>Cents</u>	<u>\$1,000</u>
Illinois	8	34	272	57	226	615
<b>Indiana</b>	9	32	288	101	198	570
Iowa	26	42	1,092	339	151	1,649
Michigan	66	60	3,960	1,505	151	5,980
Ohio	11	50	550	132	275	1,513
Wisconsin	63	60	3,780	1,588	151	5,708
United States	2,462	58.5	144,108	37,153	144.5	208,236

<sup>1/</sup> Includes producers with 5 or more colonies. Preliminary.

<sup>2/</sup> Stocks held by producers.

<sup>3/</sup> Prices weighted by sales.

## JANUARY EGG PRODUCTION DOWN SLIGHTLY

Indiana's laying flocks produced 551 million eggs during January 2010, down slightly from a year ago. The average number of layers on hand at 23.7 million, was up 1 percent from last month but down 2 percent from last year. The rate of lay at 2,324 eggs per 100 layers, was 2 percent above last year.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.69 billion during January 2010, up slightly from last year. Production included 6.61 billion table eggs and 1.08 billion hatching eggs, of which

1.01 billion were broiler-type and 75 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during January 2010 averaged 339 million, down 1 percent from last year. January egg production per 100 layers was 2,268 eggs, up 1 percent from January 2009. Egg-type chicks hatched during January 2010 totaled 38.8 million, up 2 percent from January 2009. Eggs in incubators totaled 39.3 million on February 1, 2010, up 12 percent from a year ago.

### EGG PRODUCTION, LAYERS, AND HATCHING NUMBERS INDIANA AND U.S., JANUARY 2009-2010

Item	Indiana			United States		
	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
Average Layers on Hand (thousands)	24,219	23,712	98	341,400	339,173	99
Eggs Per 100 Layers	2,279	2,324	102	2,249	2,268	101
Total Eggs Produced (millions)	552	551	100	7,678	7,692	100
Table Eggs (millions)	539	538	100	6,603	6,610	100
Hatching Eggs (millions)	13	13	100	1,075	1,082	101
Egg-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	<sup>1/</sup>	<sup>1/</sup>	<sup>1/</sup>	38,083	38,794	102
Broiler-Type Chicks Hatched (thousands)	<sup>1/</sup>	<sup>1/</sup>	<sup>1/</sup>	778,401	775,615	100

<sup>1/</sup> Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

## PRICES RECEIVED INDEX DOWN

The February 2010 Index of Prices Received by Indiana Farmers at 127 (1991=100) was down 7 points from January's level and down 13 points from February 2009. The mid-February price for hogs increased from January. The mid-month price for corn, soybeans, winter wheat, barrows and gilts, and all milk decreased from the previous month.

The mid-month price for all hogs and all milk increased from the February 2009 level. The mid-February price for

corn, soybeans, and winter wheat decreased from the previous year's level.

The Livestock Price Index of 84 was unchanged from last month's index but 8 points below February 2009. The Crop Price Index of 154 was down 11 points from the index last month and 16 points below the previous year.

### AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS - - INDIANA AND UNITED STATES FEBRUARY 2010 WITH COMPARISONS <sup>1/</sup>

Item	Unit	Indiana			United States		
		February 2009	January 2010	February 15 2010	February 2009	January 2010	February 15 2010
		<b>Dollars</b>			<b>Dollars</b>		
Corn	Bu.	4.06	3.80	3.41	3.87	3.66	3.45
Soybeans	Bu.	9.88	10.00	9.55	9.54	9.79	9.40
Winter Wheat	Bu.	5.23	4.87	4.15	5.26	4.68	4.36
Oats	Bu.	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	2.69	2.18	2.13
All Hay <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	131.00	109.00	107.00
Alfalfa Hay <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	141.00	113.00	111.00
Other Hay <sup>2/</sup>	Ton	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	108.00	99.60	97.10
Apples <sup>2/</sup>	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.237	.296	.296
All Hogs	Cwt.	46.70	48.80	48.90	43.80	48.40	48.10
Barrows & Gilts	Cwt.	46.60	49.40	48.80	43.80	48.90	48.20
Sows	Cwt.	48.10	42.20	49.80	43.30	38.50	45.30
All Beef Cattle	Cwt.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	78.90	82.10	84.40
Milk Cows <sup>3/</sup>	Head	<u>3/</u>	1300.00	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>	1340.00	<u>3/</u>
All Milk	Cwt.	12.30	17.10	17.00	11.60	16.10	15.90
Fluid Milk	Cwt.	12.30	17.10	<u>4/</u>	11.60	16.10	15.90
Manufactured Milk	Cwt.	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	<u>7/</u>	10.50	15.50	15.80
Eggs <sup>5/</sup>	Doz.	.630	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.639	.905	.775
Turkeys <sup>2/</sup>	Lb.	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	<u>6/</u>	.465	.465	.483

<sup>1/</sup> Entire month price is a revision of the previous published mid-month price for all items except when footnoted otherwise. <sup>2/</sup> Mid-month Price. <sup>3/</sup> Animals sold for dairy herd replacements only. Prices published in January, April, July and October. <sup>4/</sup> Only Whole-month Price published. <sup>5/</sup> Mid-month price for Market (table) eggs, including eggs sold retail by the producer. <sup>6/</sup> Monthly estimates discontinued. <sup>7/</sup> Not Published.

## NUMBER OF HIRED EASTERN CORNBELT WORKERS UP 24 PERCENT

The following information is the result of the Farm Labor Survey that was conducted in January 2010. Workers on farms in the Eastern Cornbelt States (Indiana, Illinois, Ohio) during the week of January 10-16, 2010 totaled 32,000. Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.95.

There were 767,000 hired workers on the Nation's farms and ranches during the week of January 10-16, 2010, down 2 percent from a year ago. Of these hired workers, 587,000 workers were hired directly by farm operators. Agricultural service employees on farms and ranches made up the remaining 180,000 workers.

Farm operators paid their hired workers an average wage of \$11.06 per hour during the January 2009 reference week, up 13 cents from a year earlier. Field workers received an average of \$10.14 per hour, up 18 cents from last January, while livestock workers earned \$10.26 per hour compared with \$10.27 a year earlier. The field and livestock worker combined wage rate, at \$10.19 per hour, was up 11 cents from last year. The number of hours worked averaged 37.3 hours for hired workers during the survey week, down 3 percent from a year ago.

### HIRED WORKERS: EASTERN CORNBELT AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY 2009-2010 <sup>1/ 2/</sup>

Item	Eastern Cornbelt		United States	
	2009	2010	2009	2010
	<b>Thousands</b>			
Hired Workers on Farms	26	32	595	587
Expected to be Employed:				
150 Days or More	24	27	497	501
149 Days or Less	2	5	98	86
	<b>Hours</b>			
Hours Worked Per Week	35.5	32.4	38.3	37.3
	<b>Dollars Per Hour</b>			
Type of Hired Worker				
Field	11.85	11.81	9.96	10.14
Livestock	10.85	10.35	10.27	10.26
Field & Livestock	11.30	11.00	10.08	10.19
Wage Rates for All Hired Workers	11.90	11.95	10.93	11.06

<sup>1/</sup> Reference weeks were January 10-16 in 2010 and January 11-17 in 2009. Excludes Agricultural Service Workers. Excludes Alaska.

<sup>2/</sup> Eastern Cornbelt region consists of Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio.

## INDIANA'S RED MEAT PRODUCTION DOWN 5 PERCENT

Indiana's commercial red meat production during January 2010 totaled 138.2 million pounds, down 5 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight of the 3,700 cattle killed totaled 4.0 million pounds. Total live weight of the 682,500 hogs killed totaled 179.2 million pounds. The 2,600 sheep slaughtered during January 2010 totaled 292,000 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production totaled 3.92 billion pounds in January, down 6 percent from the 4.17 billion pounds produced in January 2009. Beef production, at 2.08 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.71 million head, down slightly from January 2009. The average live weight was down 16 pounds from the previous

year, at 1,290 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.6 million pounds, 3 percent below January a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 82,800 head, 2 percent below January 2009. The average live weight was down 7 pounds from last year, at 238 pounds. Pork production totaled 2.42 billion pounds, 10 percent below the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.90 million head, 10 percent below January 2009. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 272 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 25.7 million pounds, was 4 percent below January 2009. Sheep slaughter totaled 186,600 head, 2 percent below last year. The average live weight was 138 pounds, down 3 pounds from January a year ago.

### COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER <sup>1/</sup>

Species	Indiana		United States	
	Jan 2009	Jan 2010	Jan 2009	Jan 2010
<b>Cattle</b>				
Number of Head (000)	3.6	3.7	2,718.4	2,707.2
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	1,058	1,057	1,306	1,290
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	3,845	3,955	3,537,582	3,480,605
<b>Calves</b>				
Number of Head (000)	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	84.7	82.8
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	245	238
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	20,463	19,474
<b>Hogs</b>				
Number of Head (000)	700.1	682.5	9,922.6	8,903.2
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	271	263	272	272
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	189,318	179,232	2,696,991	2,416,135
<b>Sheep</b>				
Number of Head (000)	2.2	2.6	189.5	186.6
Average Live Weight (Lbs)	111	111	141	138
Total Live Weight (000 Lbs)	251	292	26,662	25,705

<sup>1/</sup> Commercial red meat production includes slaughter in federally inspected plants and other plants, but excludes animals slaughtered on farms.

<sup>2/</sup> Data not printed to avoid disclosing individual operations.

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